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In re Application of: )  
Robert GALLANT et al. )  
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For: **A METHOD FOR ACCELERATING CRYPTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS  
ON ELLIPTIC CURVES** - being a **Continuation** of PCT International Application  
No. PCT/CA99/01222, filed on December 23, 1999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line <sup>3</sup>4, insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of International Application No.  
PCT/CA99/01222, filed on December 23, 1999, and claims the priority of  
Canadian Patent Application No. 2,257,008, filed on December 24, 1998, the  
content of all of which is incorporated herein by reference.--